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PATENT REGISTRATION

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In re Application of : Angelo SPERANZA  
Patent No. : 6,150,818  
Dated : August 22, 2000  
Filed : with an effective filing date of May 8, 1996  
For : FOOD DISPENSING CYCLE AND MEANS  
Docket : ROCKCO P32AUS

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- (1) Re-issue Application Transmittal-2 pgs.;
- (2) Specification-3 pgs.; including face page of issued patent;
- (3) Formal Drawings - 2 Sheets;
- (4) Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor -2 pgs (and 1pg copy of signed facsimile);
- (5) Reissue Application by the Assignee, Offer to Surrender Patent -1 pg (and 1pg copy of signed facsimile);
- (6) Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) - 4 pgs (and 3 pgs. copy of signed facsimiles);
- (7) Copy of Recorded Assignment Document-2 pgs
- (8) Assent by Assignee for Filing of Reissue Application - 1 pg (and 1 pg copy of signed facsimile);
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- (10) Preliminary Amendment-6 pgs.

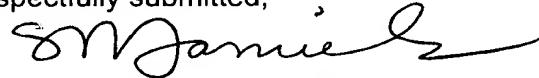
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United States Patent No. 6,150,818 is the subject of a complaint for Patent Infringement filed on May 8, 2001 as part of Defendant Burodge Ltd's Answer and Counterclaim in response to a Complaint for Declaration of Non-infringement filed on February 27, 2001 by Standex International Corporation, which case is currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (at Nashville) as Civil Action No. 3-01-0201 (Judge Echols).

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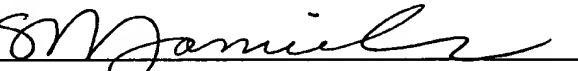
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## REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:  Utility Patent  Design Patent  Plant Patent  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
4.  Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5.  Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)

Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?

Yes  No

(If Yes, check applicable box(es))

Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)

37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (PTO/SB/96)

7.  Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c).
8.  Original U.S. Patent for surrender
  - Ribboned Original Patent Grant
  - Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
9.  Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) (if applicable)
10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
11.  English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (if applicable)
12.  Preliminary Amendment
13.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
14. Other: .....  
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				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
(A) 1	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(l))	(B) 1	0 = x \$ 0 =			x \$ =	
(C) 1	Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(l))	(D) 1	0 = x \$ 0 =			x \$ =	
				Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))		\$ 355	\$ 355
				Total Filing Fee		\$	OR \$

## Claims as Amended - Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(l))	*** 3	MINUS	**** 1	= 2 x \$ 40 = 80			x \$ =	80
				Total Additional Fee		\$80	OR	\$ 435

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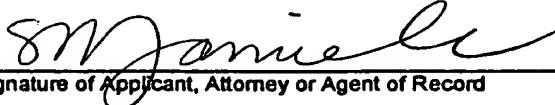
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